Contraband Merchandise

*7. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimates are available of the total quantum of RDX explosives and Kalashnikov rifles that have been smuggled into the country in recent years;

(b) whether Government have any in formation about the major points of entry of such material; and

(c) whether any estimates are available

(d)whether there is any evidence of involvement of foreign Governments in the smuggling of such contraband merchandise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) While it is not possible to estimate the total amount of RDX explosives and Kalashnikov rifles smuggled into the country in recent years, the quantum of major seizures made from militants between 1995-1996 and 1997-1998 is as under:—

Details of RDX & AK series rifles recovery 1995-98

RDX

	1995 (in Kg.)	1996 (in Kg.)	1997 (in Kg.)	1998 (in Kg.)
Haryana	47	—	—	—
J & K	129	173	827	113 (upto 30.4.98)
Punjab	57	163	122	30
Rajasthan	13	63	15	—
Delhi	—	—	10	—
TOTAL	246	399	974	143

AK Rifles

	1995 (in Nos.)	1996 (in Nos.)	1997 (in Nos.)	1998 (in Nos.)
J & K	234	2388	206	431
Punjab	2	22	6	2
Rajasthan	15	—	—	—
TOTAL	2366	2410	2072	433

(b)Arms, ammunition, explosives, etc. are smuggled into the country mainly through international borders.

(c)Yes, Sir.

Development of Hydro Power

*8. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether any survey has been conducted on rivers to explore hydro power in the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof and hydro power potential of river Godavari;

(c)whether there is any proposal to develop Arunachal Pradesh as a a major source of hydro power in the country; and

(d)the potential of Arunachal Pradesh for hydro power?